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SUBJECT: JAPAN WILL NOT ISSUE STATEMENT ON IRANIAN ELECTION

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Classified By: Ambassador J. Thomas Schieffer for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)
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¶1. (C) Japan has no plans to issue any statements concerning the upcoming Iranian parliamentary elections, according to MOFA Second Middle East Division Principal Deputy Director Motosada Matano. Although Tokyo may share our concerns about the conduct and outcome of the elections, Matano told Embassy Tokyo Political Officer that as a practice, Japan does not normally comment on elections in other countries. To do so in this case would therefore stand out from this general practice.

¶2. (C) COMMENT: While clearly concerned about nonproliferation and human rights/democratization issues emanating from Iran, Japan still values its bilateral relationship with Tehran and continues to believe that it can be more influential with the Iranian leadership if it maintains a cordial, non-confrontational relationship. Look for Japan to support and abide by internationally enacted resolutions concerning Iranian conduct, but do not count on Tokyo for stand-alone, bilateral criticisms of Tehran. END COMMENT.
SCHIEFFER